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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT
AGAINST PRESIDENT FORD

1. MAJOR HUNGARIAN DAILIES CARRIED ARTICLE BY MTI WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT COVERING ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST PRESIDENT
FORD. PRESENTATION OF THE EVENT AS FACTUAL AND REPORTS ON
AMERICAN TELEVISION REPORTS.

2. ONLY THE PARTY PAPER (NEPSZABADSAG) EDITORIALIZED AS TO
THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE EVENT. IT FOLLOWED THE WASHINGTON
STORY WITH EDITORIAL COMMENT LIFTED FROM SOVIET TELEVISION
COMMENTARY OF SEPTEMBER 23 BY THE MTI CORRESPONDENT BASED
IN MOSCOW.

3. AS REPORTED BY MTI, SOVIET COMMENTATORS OPINED THAT THE
ATMOSPHERE GENERATED BY CAMPAIGNS OF ANTI-DETENTE ELEMENTS
WHICH HAVE INCREASED IN STRENGTH SINCE HELSINKI AGAINST
WHITE HOUSE POLICY FOSTERS EVENTS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE
LIKE THIS ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. THE SOVIET ANALYST
FOUND THAT A SIMILAR ATMOSPHERE CREATED BY THE OPPOSITION TO
HIS POLICIES HAD EXISTED AT THE TIME OF PRESIDENT
KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDED BY SAYING
THAT "THE SERIES OF ATTEMPTS (PRESUMABLY FROM KENNEDY TO
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FORD) PROVE AT ANY RATE THAT POLITICAL VIOLENCE HAS BECOME

A PART OF THE REALITY IN THE U.S."

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